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To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: Commission Review and Approval of Proposed Project Review Criteria  
(For Commission Action)

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The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is interested in bringing several ecosystem restoration actions to the Delta Protection Commission as a forum for public input and review. CALFED would also like to explore long term arrangements to involve Delta Protection Commission in habitat restoration efforts. The Commission would have the restoration projects on their agenda and after receiving public comment, forward the results of the review to CALFED staff. CALFED staff would then work with the project proponent to ensure that valid issues raised at the public meeting be addressed in the design and construction of the proposed project.

Attached for Commission and public review and comment is a list of information and issues that would be circulated in anticipation of public review of a project. This is **not** proposed as a rigid set of requirements to be adopted and implemented by Delta Protection Commission staff. The list is meant to serve as guideline of information to be presented to the Commission and the public to ensure that the project can be adequately understood and analyzed.

At the Commission meeting, members of the public and Commissioners would present comments and direction to staff about modifications to this proposed list: additions and/or subtractions.

Please contact staff before the meeting if you have questions or comments.

## PROPOSED CALFED ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT REVIEW

### BACKGROUND:

Project Proponent

### PROJECT LOCATION:

Zone of the Delta

County

Island/Tract

Reclamation District

Acres

Adjacent Waterways

Ownership of Adjacent Lands

Land Uses on Adjacent Lands

### HISTORY OF OWNERSHIP OF THE SITE

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE:

Topography

Elevation of Land Area

Status of Levees (Riprap, limits on height)

Elevation of Levees (In relationship with 100 year flood plain)

Groundwater Table Elevation

Soils

Water Sources

Drainage From or Through Site

General Plan Designation

Zoning

Williamson Act Contract

### USES OF THE SITE:

Agricultural Uses and Crops-Present and Potential, and How They Relate to Animal and Bird Use

Current Value of Crops

Current Property Taxes, Fees, etc. Which Support Governmental and Special District Activities

Length of Time in Agricultural Use

Existing Utilities and Infrastructure

Existing Gas Wells, and Support Facilities

Existing Structures and Uses  
Existing Recreational Uses (Including developed Commercial or Public Recreation  
Facilities and Informal Recreational Uses)  
Existing Wildlife Habitat Values (Including Vegetation on Both Sides of the Levees, and  
Within the Interior of the Island/Tract)  
Number of Current Residents  
Number of Current Employees

#### HISTORY OF FLOODING

#### PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

#### DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT, OR PROJECT ALTERNATIVES UNDER CONSIDERATION

Breaches in Levees  
Impact of Breaching on Water Surface Elevation in Adjacent Channels (Affect on Water  
Diversions, Pumps, and/or Siphons)  
Interior Levee Modifications  
Excavation  
Placement of Fill or Grading  
Planting  
Constructed Facilities  
Infrastructure  
Management  
Ownership  
Estimated Project Costs  
Proposed Funding Sources  
Proposed Fees to be Paid in Lieu of Taxes and Assessments, If Any

#### NEARBY PENDING AND PROPOSED PROJECTS

#### PERMITS/ACTIONS REQUIRED

#### CONFORMANCE WITH PROPOSED CALFED ACTIONS

#### MAPS:

Location  
General Plan  
Zoning  
Soils  
Elevations

## ISSUES:

### Agriculture:

Cumulative Impacts to Prime Ag Lands in the Area?  
Consistent with Williamson Act (State and County Levels)?  
Impacts to Adjacent Agricultural Land Uses, such as:  
    Seepage?  
    Weeds/Unwanted, Possibly Protected Plants “Migrating” to Ag Lands?  
    Protected Species “migrating” to Ag Lands?  
    Restrictions to Common, Accepted Ag Practices?  
Buffer Areas Needed/Included Between Proposed Use and Existing Adjacent Uses?  
Would Development of New Aquatic Habitat Affect Nearby Water Diversions?

### Wildlife Habitat:

Will the Project Result in the Loss of Existing Habitat? What Type?  
Will the Project Protect and/or Enhance Existing Wetland Habitat (duck club, in-channel island)?  
Is the Project Consistent with Regional Plans for Habitat Enhancement?  
Does the Project Take Advantage of Wildlife Habitat Benefits Associated with Agriculture (Mosaic Concept; Seasonal Flooding; etc.)?  
Are there Benefits Associated with “Adding On” to Existing Habitat Areas, Such as Creation of a Corridor?  
Are There Adequate Provisions for Management of the Site?  
Is Site Ownership an Easement Which Allows Land to Remain in Private Ownership?  
Project on Publicly Owned Land, Within Designated Refuge, or Lands Subject to Flood Easement?

### Recreation:

Will Existing Recreation Activities be Displaced?  
Does the Project Include New Recreational Development (New Trails, New Overlooks, New Small Boat Launch Facilities; New Fishing Facilities; New Picnic Facilities; New Interpretive Facilities)?  
Would New Recreational Development Complement Surrounding Land Uses?

### Other Issues:

Address Mosquito Control Component?  
Promote Subsidence Control?  
Impacts to Levees, such as:  
    Increased Levee Erosion/Impacts?  
    Water Pressure on Levees?  
    Unauthorized Recreation Uses?  
    Increased Flood Pressures on Downstream Levees?  
    Impacts to Levee Inspections and/or Maintenance?

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION:**

Concur

Modify

Issues to be Evaluated Further in Environmental Document or Project Development

**NOTICE OF MEETING:**

Landowner

Proponent

Adjacent Landowners

CALFED

Local Interest Groups

Nearby Local Special Districts

State and Federal Agencies

Affected Local Government Elected Representatives and Planners

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